

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19, and 20 have been amended. Claims 5, 12, and 22 have been canceled. New claims 23-25 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-21, and 23-25 are presented for examination.

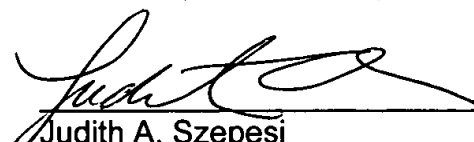
Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No.5,960,422 to Prasad. The Examiner allowed claims 15 and 16, and objected to claims 3-5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 21, and 22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing the above claims. Applicant has amended the claims indicated as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, to remove the dependency. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

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